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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/CH2004/000511, filed August 16, 2004.

The specification has also been amended to replace the Sequence Listing as previously filed with the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto as Exhibit A. Support for this amendment is found in the Sequence Listing as previously filed. Also attached hereto as Exhibit B is a computer readable form ("CRF") of the Sequence Listing.

STATEMENT UNDER RULE 821(f)

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.821(f), undersigned counsel hereby represents that, upon information and belief, the content of the paper copy and CRF of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith are the same, and no new matter has been added. Entry of the Sequence Listing is respectfully solicited.

Claims 5-7, 9, 11-12, 14, 16, 18, 21-23, 28, and 30-36 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Support for these amendments is found in original claims 5-7, 9, 11-12, 14, 16, 18, 21-23, 28, and 30-36, respectively. See In re Gardner, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l).

Claim 25 has been amended to correct a typographical error and now depends from claim 24.

New claims 38-42 have been added. Support for new claims 38-42 is found in original claims 18, 24, 14, 21, and 36, respectively, and in the specification at, for example, pg. 24, ln. 25 to pg. 25, ln. 11. See In re Gardner, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01 (o) and (l).

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It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments and new claims. Approval and entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits, and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, are requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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